



Transportation Update

September 2001

New Chair and Vice Chair Elected

At the September meeting, Pleasanton Mayor Tom Pico was elected chair and BART Director Pete Snyder was elected vice chair. The Board also thanked outgoing chair Roberta Cooper for her two years of service.

CMA Approves Funding Programs

At its September 27th meeting, the CMA approved projects for two programs – funds generated by the CMA's exchange program and the 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program. A total of \$125 million was programmed as follows:

- Transit rehabilitation -- \$13.3 million
- Transit expansion -- \$59.7 million
- Local road improvements -- \$20.3 million
- State highway improvements -- \$12.3 million
- Soundwalls and landscaping -- \$10.2 million
- Bicycle facilities and other -- \$1.2 million
- Contingencies, project monitoring and federal match -- \$8 million

An additional \$17 million is available for projects now in development. These funds will be assigned to projects in the future.

CMA Approves 2001 Congestion Management Program

The CMA approved the final 2001 Congestion Management Program at its September meeting. The CMP is a 5-year plan for implementing the near-term projects in the Countywide Transportation Plan and for taking other steps to manage the transportation system. The 2001 CMP includes Alameda County's proposed

projects for the upcoming 2002 State Transportation Improvement Program as outlined above. Copies of the CMP are available at the CMA offices.

2001 "State of Transportation in Alameda County" Report Available

The CMA has completed its annual review of the performance of the Alameda County's transportation system. This report provides information on congestion, transit services, local road maintenance, bicycle facilities and other information. Changes since the last report are highlighted. Copies of the report are available at the CMA's offices.

Air Quality and Transportation

At the CMA's September meeting, MTC staff provided a status report on the federal Ozone Attainment Plan, air quality conformity "freeze" and "lapse" issues, and the impact on transportation projects. In the case of a lapse, major transportation projects will be delayed. Only a small list of transit and highway projects that do not impact air quality will be allowed to proceed. A list of those projects potentially delayed is available from MTC.

Toll Bridge Funding Plan Approved by Legislature

At the conclusion of the Legislative session, a compromise proposal was approved to fund the rising costs of the seismic retrofit of the State's toll bridges. Total funding was increased from \$2.6 to \$4.6 billion, with state/federal funding increased by \$642 million. Local funding will come from a continuation of the \$1 surcharge on Bay

Area toll bridges. This agreement is contained in AB 1171 (Dutra). The Governor is expected to sign the bill.

Regional Transportation Plan Update

MTC has released its draft Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies project and program commitments for the next 25 years. The RTP is updated every three years. MTC has accepted the vast majority of the CMA's proposals for Alameda County and included them in the RTP. Some minor differences exist for transit proposals in the Livermore Valley and the funding for regional rideshare program. The CMA has requested MTC to make changes to better align the RTP to its long-range transportation plan for Alameda County.

CMA Board Approves Stop Gap Funding for ACE

The Alameda County CMA has secured funding for ACE operations through October 2001, and the voters of Alameda County have approved a transportation sales tax measure that will provide operating funding for ACE starting in summer 2002, leaving an 8-month gap between these two revenue sources. Using Transportation Fund for Clean Air revenues apportioned to Alameda County and local funds available to the CMA in 2002, a funding plan has been developed to fund ACE operations until sales tax measure funds become available.

Legislation

AB 608 (Dickerson) This bill would permit the California Transportation Commission to adjust the cost counted against a "County Share" if the actual cost is less than 80% of the engineer's estimate. The CMA supports this bill.

AB 1419 (Aroner) This bill would enact a process to leverage property at the Transbay Terminal site in San Francisco to finance the construction of a new terminal at the same location. The ownership of the new terminal would be transferred to San Francisco and a new authority that includes AC Transit.

Upcoming Meetings

October	2	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	3/4	CTC (Orange County)
	8	CMA Admin & Legislation Committee (canceled)
	8	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	11	San Pablo Ave Policy Committee
	12	I-680 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	15	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board
	18	I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	25	CMA Board Meeting
November		
	3	Altamont Commuter Express Board Retreat
	6	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	7/8	CTC (San Diego)
	13	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	13	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	tbd	San Pablo Ave Policy Committee
	19	Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) Board
	tbd	I-880 Corridor Steering Committee
	tbd	I-580 Corridor Policy Advisory Committee
	29	CMA Board Meeting

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